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Fairbanks, Alaska—The Tanana District office of the Cooperative Extension Service will soon have a new home, upstairs in the Fairbanks Community Food Bank building.

The office, which is housed in the University Park Building, will close Friday, Feb. 18, and reopen Feb. 22 at 724 27th Ave. The entrance is behind the building, near the southwest corner. Clients may park in a lot across Rickert Street.

Extension Director Fred Schlutt said the food bank is a natural partner. “What better partnership to form than one with the food bank, which has almost an identical mission,” he said.

Extension already offers programs at the facility and will continue to share the use of the food bank kitchen. The leased space will include offices, a publications display area and a large classroom with videoconferencing capabilities that will allow Extension to reach Alaskans statewide with a variety of programs. Extension will retain Room 154 at the University Park Building for meeting and classroom space. Office phone numbers will remain the same.

Extension will host an April 20 open house at the new location.

The Cooperative Extension Service is a nationwide education network supported by a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and land-grant universities. Extension works with a university network to distribute practical knowledge to Alaskans on everything from food preservation and gardening to renewable energy programs. For more information, call the Fairbanks office at 474-1530.

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